

## LADY MOND OF ENGLAND ACTIVE IN CHARITIES



Lady Alfred Mond, who organized the Sports and Pastimes Quadrille in the One Hundred Years Ago Ball, held at Earl's Court last summer, is one of the titled leaders in the campaign being conducted in London to raise a Christmas fund for the poor. She has given freely of her time and money, and is prominent in every important charity ball and bazaar. She is shown here wearing her famous costume representing "Cards."

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## ANCIENT DWELLING ON STATEN ISLAND

New York.—The oldest mansion and colonial house on Staten Island is at Willow Brook, a secluded and picturesque place, a mile from Port Richmond. It is supposed to have been built shortly after the arrival of the first Dutch settlers on Staten Island in 1624.

The old mansion has ten rooms. The walls of field stone, gathered nearby, are two feet thick, keeping out the cold in winter and the heat in summer. The flooring in the bedrooms is two feet wide and two inches thick, and, like the rafters in the roof, were hewn with an ax. The other parts of the building that decayed were replaced with modern lumber.

An old Dutch oven, wherein a week's baking for the family was done at one time, is in the same state of neatness and order as when the good Dutch housewife left it, in readiness for her next baking day.

There are beautiful rosewood tables, chairs and other pieces of antique and colonial furniture in the mansion that would fill the heart of an antiquarian with joy.

The present owner and occupant, Samuel W. Standing, now seventy-two, has lived in it since he was seven years old. In 1848 the 20 acres of land and the mansion were purchased by his father, Samuel W. Standing, for \$2,000. Part of the mansion is rented to a young couple.

"I was born in Leppwich, Yorkshire, England, and came to Staten Island with my parents when seven years of age," said Mr. Standing. "I had two sisters. One died young, and the other is married to my neighbor, Joseph Sykes. I am a steel comb maker by trade, and began work when I was twelve years old in my father's mill, which is now run by me.

"I come from a family of steel comb makers. My father, my grandfather and my great-grandfather were steel comb makers.

"In 1889, my father, then seventy-seven, began to fail in health, and wishing to be buried with his kin in Leppwich churchyard, he tried to get my mother to return to England with him. She refused and he started alone,



Oldest Home on Staten Island.

but died on shipboard in sight of land. His body was carried ashore, however, and buried in Leppwich churchyard.

"I have never married; I never loved a woman. There were times when I felt lonely, and thought I might marry if I could meet a good, gentle, kindly, home-loving woman. I never met one, and it is too late now. I have this consolation, though; I never made the mistake of marrying a woman without love and then breaking her heart because I was disappointed."

## CAVE-INS ADD ZEST TO GOLF

Extra Hazards Break Into Games on Unique Links at Scranton, Pa.

Scranton, Pa.—While playing golf on the links of the Scranton Country club Rev. J. H. Odell and Valentine Bliss discovered that the course possessed the unique character, that in addition to the regular hazards, new ones are appearing daily. Doctor Odell was preparing for a long drive and approached his ball with a well delivered stroke. The ball ascended and after a long trajectory descended into a mine cave thirty feet in depth. It was a hazard that could not be approached and the game ended.

A bell mine cave in the Cathedral cemetery, one hundred feet from the Hoban Memorial chapel, wrecked five graves. Four rough boxes were up-tilted and one casket broken in half, exposing the corpse. The cave was thirty feet in diameter and about the same depth.

## HEIRS SETTLE BACK TAXES

Bavarian Government Collects on Property Which Was Under-valued by Owner.

Munich.—The Bavarian government has discovered one way of recovering taxes where a man has under appraised his property and income, and that is, after his death, to collect from the heirs. The heirs of the late Herr von Clemm, formerly president of the diet, or parliament, have had to pay over \$112,000 back taxes upon the estate.

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